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SOUTHERN COMMAND

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Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

The Southern Command currently has 6 sworn vacancies. New Troopers have just been released from field training and another group is currently attending the specific academy in Las Vegas. The new hires and transfers have dramatically reduced our vacancies within the Southern Command.

Southern Command personnel handled 1251 crashes as compared to 1022 crashes in December of 2004. This was an increase of 22.4%. Crashes resulting in fatalities more than doubled this month as compared to last year. In actual numbers there were 14 fatal crashes in December 2005 and 6 fatal crashes in December 2004. The Southern Command preliminary documentation shows no change in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes. Of the 59 commercial crashes investigated this month, there was one fatality; 15 resulted in injuries, and the remaining 43 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 4.7% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services section of the Southern Command processed 1271 crash reports and 424 arrest reports during December 2005. This resulted in 7766 crash reports being mailed out. These numbers remain within 1% as compared to last year. Visitors to the front office that required services increased by 24.6 % when compared December 2004. The Southern Command Communication Center also logged 28,218 CAD incidents and 35,874 telephone calls.

The Southern Command had an increase in overall enforcement by 23.6% in December 2005, as compared to December 2004. Total DUI arrests were up 76% as compared to last month, and DUI's from crashes were down 37.1% as compared to December 2004. The Commercial Operations Section showed increases in overall enforcement violations and out of service vehicles and drivers that were removed from the roads as compared to December 2004.

Southern Command personnel continue to perform their duties admirably, and have benefited from a much needed increase in manpower. This manpower increase has affected the overall enforcement numbers due to the amount of man-hours expended in the training phase of the new employees. The 28,218 incidents/contacts with the public in December can be attributed to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes. These contacts also included: motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation. The increases due to Holiday traffic and constant growth of the Las Vegas Valley continue to push those demands for service higher.

I commend the personnel of the Southern Command for their diligence, dedication and professionalism.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

| | DECEMBER 2005 | | DECEMBER 2004 | % Change | | NOVEMBER 2005 | % Change |
|--|------------------|--|------------------|----------|--|------------------|----------|
| Total crashes | 1251 | | 1022 | 22.4% | | 1117 | 12.0% |
| Property crashes [including commercial vehicles] | 937 | | 759 | 23.5% | | 815 | 15.0% |
| Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles] | 300 | | 257 | 16.7% | | 292 | 2.7% |
| Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles] | 14 | | 6 | 133.3% | | 10 | 40.0% |
| DUI crashes [DUI charged] | 44 | | 70 | -37.1% | | 51 | -13.7% |
| Total persons killed in fatal crashes | 19 | | 8 | 137.5% | | 9 | 111.1% |
| Total drivers killed without seatbelts | 7 | | 2 | 250.0% | | 2 | 250.0% |
| Total passengers killed without seatbelts | 2 | | 1 | 100.0% | | 0 | 200.0% |
| Total drivers killed with seatbelts | 5 | | 3 | 66.7% | | 4 | 25.0% |
| Total passengers killed with seatbelts | 3 | | 1 | 200.0% | | 2 | 50.0% |
| Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable | 2 | | 1 | 100.0% | | 1 | 100.0% |
| Total number of commercial vehicle crashes | 59 | | 60 | -1.7% | | 40 | 47.5% |
| Property crashes involving commercial vehicle | 43 | | 51 | -15.7% | | 31 | 38.7% |
| Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle | 15 | | 7 | 114.3% | | 7 | 114.3% |
| Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle | 1 | | 2 | -50.0% | | 2 | -50.0% |

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.1 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 3.5 %
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 52.9 %
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 4.7 %
- ✱ Total crashes up 22.4 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes down 1.7 % from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes up 133 % compared to last year.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

| TRAFFIC OPERATIONS | DECEMBER 2005 | | DECEMBER 2004 | % Change | | November 2005 | % Change |
|--|------------------|--|------------------|----------|--|------------------|----------|
| DUI arrests from crashes ## | 44 | | 70 | -37.1% | | 51 | -13.7% |
| DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ## | 217 | | 219 | -0.9% | | 123 | 76.4% |
| Other arrests | 1258 | | 1082 | 16.3% | | 807 | 55.9% |
| Total persons arrested (DUI included) ## | 522 | | 490 | 6.5% | | 363 | 43.8% |
| Speed violations | 3850 | | 2601 | 48.0% | | 3105 | 24.0% |
| Hazardous moving violations | 2132 | | 1925 | 10.8% | | 1678 | 27.1% |
| Occupant restraint violations * ## | 700 | | 406 | 72.4% | | 544 | 28.7% |
| Total violations [above violations included] | 11601 | | 9386 | 23.6% | | 8826 | 31.4% |
| COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS | | | | | | | |
| Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests | 29 | | 77 | -62.3% | | 54 | -46.3% |
| Other traffic violations - citations/arrests | 53 | | 139 | -61.9% | | 183 | -71.0% |
| Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6] | 679 | | 727 | -6.6% | | 489 | 38.9% |
| Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only | 2 | | N/A | #VALUE! | | N/A | #VALUE! |
| Total safety violations -- citation | 321 | | 214 | 50.0% | | 119 | 169.7% |
| Total safety violations -- repair order | 1058 | | 699 | 51.4% | | 922 | 14.8% |
| Total vehicles placed "Out of Service" | 90 | | 37 | 143.2% | | 47 | 91.5% |
| Total drivers placed "Out of Service" | 138 | | 75 | 84.0% | | 44 | 213.6% |
| Total school buses inspected | 213 | | 44 | 384.1% | | 313 | -31.9% |
| Total school buses placed "Out of Service" | 31 | | 3 | 933.3% | | 56 | -44.6% |
| Total trucks weighed | 762 | | 1 | 76100.0% | | 1217 | -37.4% |
| Total overweight citations | 31 | | 0 | 3100.0% | | 26 | 19.2% |
| Total dyed fuel inspections | 680 | | 525 | 29.5% | | 490 | 38.8% |
| Total dyed fuel citations | 0 | | 1 | -100.0% | | 10 | -1000.0% |

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

| COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY] | Urban Ops | | Rural Ops | | Task Force |
|--|-----------|--|-----------|--|------------|
| Level 2/3 Inspections | 0 | | 28 | | 40 |
| Safety Violations Citation | 0 | | 24 | | 3 |
| Safety Violations Repair Order | 0 | | 73 | | 7 |
| Drivers Placed "Out of Service" | 0 | | 5 | | 4 |
| Dyed Fuel Inspections | 0 | | 0 | | 0 |
| Dyed Fuel Citations | 0 | | 0 | | 0 |

OPERATIONS ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.16%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 32 years old.
- ✱ 1 % of DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance. (pending)
- ✱ 5 % of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.
- ✱ Traffic Enforcement is up 23.6 % from last year and up 31.4 % from last month.
- ✱ Commercial Operations, hazardous moving enforcement is down 62.3 % from last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle inspections are down 6.6 % from last year.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

| ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES | December-05 | December-04 | % Change | November-05 | % Change |
|--|-------------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|
| COMMUNICATION CENTER | | | | | |
| Radio Transmissions from Console | 174,755 | n/a | N/A | 173,385 | 0.8% |
| Radio Tx and Receive totals | 692,528 | n/a | N/A | 423,183 | 145.9% |
| CAD Incidents | 28,218 | 23,588 | 19.6% | 24,014 | 17.5% |
| Telephone Calls | 35,874 | 36,836 | -2.6% | 31,088 | 15.4% |
| Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only] | 92 | 100 | -8.0% | 101 | -8.9% |
| | | | | | |
| FRONT OFFICE | | | | | |
| Accident Reports Processed | 1,271 | 1,094 | 16.2% | 1,187 | 7.1% |
| Arrest Reports Processed | 424 | 233 | 82.0% | 420 | 1.0% |
| Incident / Officer Reports Processed | 14 | 17 | -17.6% | 13 | 7.7% |
| Vehicle Impound Releases | 125 | 159 | -21.4% | 101 | 23.8% |
| Visitors at Counter | 977 | 784 | 24.6% | 950 | 2.8% |
| Crash Reports Mailed Out | 7,766 | 7,842 | -1.0% | 7,253 | 7.1% |
| | | | | | |
| COURT / WARRANT | | | | | |
| Warrants Received | 228 | 213 | 7.0% | 188 | 21.3% |
| Warrants Entered | 111 | 178 | -37.6% | 169 | -34.3% |
| Warrants Cleared | 278 | 182 | 52.7% | 424 | -34.4% |
| Warrants Validated | 1,924 | 2,330 | -17.4% | 978 | 96.7% |
| Extradition / Transports | 13 | 10 | 30.0% | 11 | 18.2% |
| | | | | | |
| EVIDENCE | | | | | |
| New Cases Submitted | 127 | 161 | -21.1% | 83 | 53.0% |
| New Items Submitted | 201 | 298 | -32.6% | 133 | 51.1% |
| Items Disposed | 21 | 45 | -53.3% | 8 | 162.5% |

**Radio TX unavailable due to 800 transitions

CONTRACT SERVICES

- ✱ 9 Contracts requiring 152.00 work hours, billing \$8,762.50

EVIDENCE

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 88.2 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 11.0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation responsible for 0.80 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0.0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Compliance Enforcement Division is responsible for 0.0% of case submissions.

AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS

- ✱ 3 Enforcement missions flown.
- ✱ 3 Prisoner transports.

COMMENDATIONS

- ✱ 4 from public to sworn
- ✱ 1 from other Public Organizations

PUBLIC INFORMATION**NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE INCOMING AIRMAN'S BRIEFING:**

Personnel reporting to Nellis Air Force Base were presented a class on Nevada traffic laws with special emphasis on seat belt safety and the dangers of driving while intoxicated. December 6, 2005.

HEAT PROGRAM: TRAFFIC SAFETY CLASSES:

The HEAT program has had another successful month with educating the community. Several Troopers checked out the Camaro and HEAT truck to take to several schools throughout the valley to talk to the students about seat belt safety.

DRIVER'S EDGE:

The HEAT program continues to be a strong asset to the Driver's Edge program. Driver's Edge is designed to teach adults and teens to know their own limitations as well as the limitations of their vehicle. The HEAT presentation includes a DUI discussion and activities as well as presentations on seat belt safety and traffic laws. The weekend was well received by over 425 parents and teens.

COURAGE TO LIVE PROGRAM:

The HEAT program welcomes another positive addition to the NHP. The Courage to Live program will provide an educational presentation as well as an open discussion forum for adults and parents of middle school and high school students throughout the Las Vegas Valley. We are still in the planning stages and plan to hit at least 2 middle schools in the Spring.

TROOPERS DELIVER TOYS TO LOCAL HOSPITALS:

The HEAT program was honored to be involved with a group of Nevada Highway Patrol Troopers and Command Staff as they delivered toys to children at 2 local hospitals. All of the local media was on hand as Troopers delivered toys to the Pediatric Intensive Care Units at Sunrise and University Medical Center.

Public Requests for Information: 88

2 were forward to Traffic Sgts, commendations and complaints
86 were general questions

Press releases: 23 16 were Fatal related 7 were NHP related